(d) whether a similar checking of vehicles was also undertaken recently in other States/Union Territories, if so, with what results and whether a similar law exists there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) During the period March, 90 to 29th Feb. 1992, 14,437 vehicles were challaned.

(b) A fine of Rs. 25,31,200 was imposed.

(c) Upto Jan. 1992 approximately 12.68 lakhs vehicles were checked and 16 per cent vehicles were found polluting beyond the prescribed standards in comparison to 36 per cent vehicles exceeding prescribed standards betwene Dec. 1987 to Feb. 1990.

(d) All States/Union Territories have been requested to conduct pollution checking of motor vehicles.

Provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 are applicable uniformly all over the country.

Issue of driving licence

3243. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that drivers are responsible for 49 percent of road accidents in the country; and

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps to make issuance of driving licence more strict?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) As per information received from the States, about three-fourth of the road accidents are caused due to the fault of drivers.

(b) The Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 now provides for stricker tests/conditions, for issue of driving licences. The implementation of the provisions of the Act is, however, the responsibility of the States who have been addressed from time to time, to follow these provisions scrupulously. The Transport Secretaries of State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have again been requested in the first week of March 1992 to issue strict instructions to the licensing authorities so that the licenses are issued only to the persons who are fully qualified and successfully pass the prescribed driving tests.

3244. [Transferred to the 26th March, 1992.]

Golden Handshake in D.T.C.

3245. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have formulated a policy of "Golden handshake" for employees of the Delhi Transport Corporation at an approximate cost Rs. 200 crores as Part of its efforts to streamline the functioning of the Corporation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) A group of Ministers has been set up by the Government under the Chairmanship of Minister for Finance to workout an inter-connected package for the rehabilitation of Delhi Transport Corporation. 'Golden Hanshake' is one of the proposal under consideration. However, no final decision has been taken by the Group of Ministers.